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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Kenzi SUZUKI, et al. : EXAMINER: MEDINA SANABRIA

SERIAL NO: 09/729,103 :

FILED: DECEMBER 5, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1754

FOR: NEW CATALYSTS FOR OXIDATIVE STEAM REFORMING OF METHANOL
AS A NEW AND EFFICIENT METHOD FOR THE SELECTIVE PRODUCTION
OF HYDROGEN FOR FUEL CELLS AND THEIR SYNTHESIS METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed March 4, 2002, Applicants elect, with
traverse, Group IV, Claims 6-8, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has restricted this application as follows under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-3, drawn to a method of producing a CuZnAlZr oxide catalyst and catalyst thereof;

Group II: Claim 4, drawn to a CuZnZrCe oxide catalyst;

Group III: Claim 5, drawn to a CoCuZnAl oxide catalyst; and

Group IV: Claims 6-8, drawn to method for producing hydrogen gas.

Applicants have elected Group IV, Claims 6-8, with traverse.

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Restriction Requirement

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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